

Minutes

May 8, 2017 Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission Meeting
Meeting Began 7:05PM

1. Board Members in Attendance

MaryEllen Thibodeau, James Greene, Daniel Firestone, Ken Livingston, Laurie Silverman, Jill Morawski, Sandy Fry, Daniel Johnson

2. Bike to School Day Mary Ellen Thibodeau reported on behalf of Ed Pawlak regarding Bike to School Day in West

- Tracey Frankel of Bike West Hartford, Inc, suggested to email Principal at Charter Oak about Center Streets Event August 27 2017, hosted by Bike Bike West Hartford Inc.
- West Hartford.Schools on agenda for May 10th, 2017 Duffy Elementary and Charter Oak.

3. Bike to Work Day Jim Greene reported on REI sponsoring Bike To Work Event on May 19th 2017

- Some State and Town officials expected to attend
- Arrival time 6:45am at REI to head downtown to Hartford

4. Pedestrian Initiatives MaryEllen Thibodeau update on pedestrian initiatives

- Chris Barnes and Chris Williams attended safety walk down North Main St to get understanding of safety conditions on the residential town Road, North Main Street
- North Main will be closed 8am to 5pm May 13th 2017 until indefinitely for bridge repair and unidentified maintenance
- Petition at Celebrate West Hartford regarding North Main St

5. Update on Legislative Action Committee Jill Morawski Update on Legislative Action Committee

- Deciding on 6 month Blocks versus Assigned meeting attendance for Town meetings that contain commission related agenda
- Appointed attendees for:

Planning and Zoning (1st Monday of the month 7PM)

Daniel Johnson and Sandy Fry

Town Council

Dan Firestone, MaryEllen Thibodeau, Jill Morawski and Laurie

Silverman

Public Safety and Other Subcommittees

Ken Livingston and James Greene

6. Update on Local Recreation Routes Daniel Firestone - We've submitted 3 potential recreating routes to town planner for approved signage and awaiting response

7. Bike Month Proclamation Dan Firestone - Submitted proclamation to Mayor regarding May being National Bike Month The signed proclamation will be available for pickup on Wed. May 10.

8. Celebrate West Hartford Event June 10th and 11th _

- Ethan and Daniel reported needed to seek volunteers

- Dan Firestone on behalf of Scott Franklin reported on a ride to Celebrate West Hartford Event
- Commission agreed that it is not going to sponsor, host, monitor or staff based on short timeline, promotion, and staffing requirements
- Send to Email list Update on Celebrate Attendance “ask for a specific thing, get a response.” Request for assistance by those on our email list
 - Discuss with team regarding ways to gain more voice at the commission “WE NEED YOUR VOICE, ONCE A MONTH”

BIKE WEST HARTFORD MEETING STARTED AT 7:45PM

9. **Ride of Silence**, Wednesday May 17 6:30PM starting Town Hall Parking Lot courtyard
10. **Center Streets** – We need more help on donations, promo flyer to come in May
11. **Wheels on Wednesdays** Virginia and Dave not present
12. **Report on Bike West Hartford**
13. **Update on Cycling Without Age** – a number of rides have been conducted, discussion of purchasing a trailer. As a follow up, Dan Firestone will contact foundations for grant to purchase trailer
14. **New Business** – Town will place 6 new bike racks on Park Rd
15. **Next Meeting** Monday June 12 2017 7PM Room 217

**Meeting Adjourned
8:20PM**